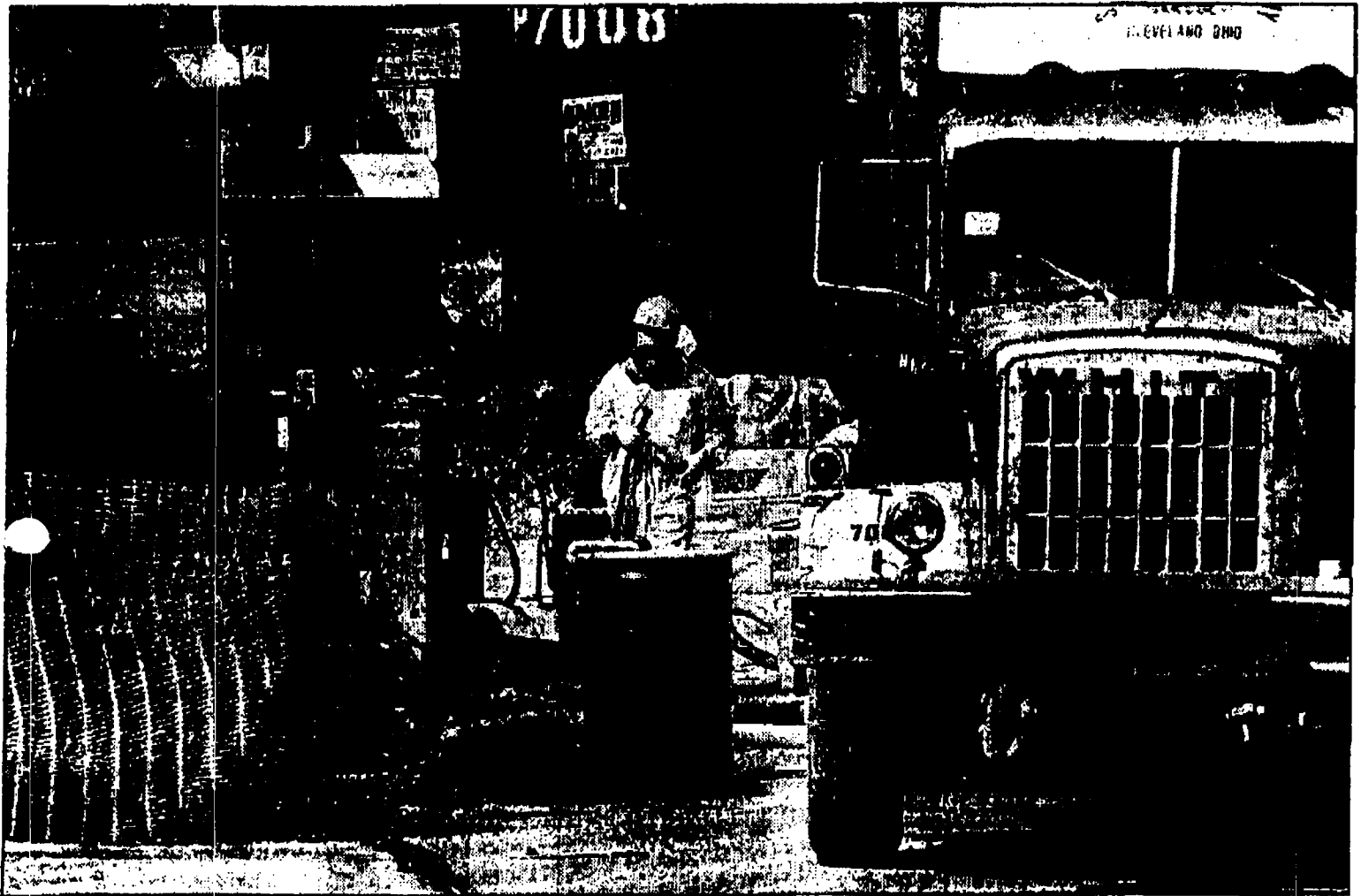


THE BIG CLEANUP

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Environmental Protection Agency workers are busy removing 6,500 gallons of water from the closed Danton Cleaners building at 2777 Copley Road (state Route 162). The waste will be commercially recycled because of its high concentrations.

EPA drains pits of toxic water

• 6,500 gallons are removed from Copley Township dry cleaning shop that's been closed for 11 years

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COPLEY TWP. Federal emergency workers in protective gear and with breathing gear worked yesterday to pump 6,500 gallons of contaminated water from in-

side a Copley Township dry cleaning shop.

The water was drained from eight separate concrete pits inside the now-closed Danton Cleaners building at 2777 Copley Road (state Route 162) by work-

ers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

One nearby building was evacuated as a precaution by the EPA during the pumping and cleanup that continued late into the night.

"The whole thing went well — without a hitch of any kind," said Julie Corkran of the Ohio EPA, whose agency was working

closely with the federal EPA.

The concrete pits, several of which appear to have been leaking, were drained and inspected by federal personnel. They were then rinsed, decontaminated and filled with concrete by the federal crew.

The levels of contamination

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